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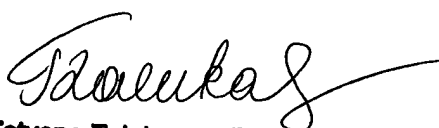
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1. The reply filed on January 14, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the election of species of monomers, that are exemplified by claim 6, and species for crosslinking agents, exemplified by claim 9, have not been made. For both, species of monomers, and species of crosslinking agents, claim 1 is generic.

Applicant was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single ultimate disclosed specie for each of the above genera for prosecution on the merits to which claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Where specific species are not identified in the claims, Applicant should elect a specific specie from the Specification. An alternative method of election is to identify an Example, which collectively exemplifies the elected species.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

  
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